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The sun crosses the line in March, and the gales of the past few days are forerunners of that event.

Col. H. H. McCreary, the versatile editor of the Gainesville Sun, has announced for re-election to the State senate. He should have a walk-over.

Judge Wall, of the Sixth Circuit in Tampa, Saturday, advised councilmen and other city and county officials to refrain from being interested personally in contracts with city or county, as it was contrary to the principles of good government.

The Jacksonville Metropolis urges the permanent re-union of the two divisions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. How will the Metropolis harmonize the two branches on the subject of racial equality?

An intimate friend of Senator Malory writes THE HERALD to correct the report that the senator is a member of the Catholic church, which THE HERALD gladly does. But it is no discredit to a man to belong to any church that teaches and practices the doctrines of the Bible.

The Gainesville Sun is going to publish free of charge the delinquent tax list and all other legal advertisements of interest to its readers. This business was given to another paper, but the Sun is resolved to look after the interests of its patrons, pay or no pay. That's the kind of a paper the Sun is. And the people appreciate the fact and are giving it general and cordial support.

Tampa Herald: The announcement is made that Hon. W. A. Hoeker of Ocala will be a candidate for the supreme bench. This will be pleasing news to many people in this section of the State, by whom the gentleman is held in the highest esteem as a jurist and gentleman. He will have a very strong and enthusiastic support in all South Florida, and especially in this county.

Judge Joseph B. Wall of Tampa is announced as a candidate for the supreme justiceship to succeed Judge Mabry. His ability and fitness are too well known throughout Florida to need any exploitation from this paper. His extensive knowledge of the law, thoroughly seasoned as it has been by his experience on the bench of the circuit court, will enable him, if elected, to discharge the duties of the high position with credit to himself and the State.

Judge George P. Rainey, member of the national Democratic executive committee for Florida, advises that coming conventions of the party ignore in their declarations those issues which have produced discord and defeat in the past. "This course," he argues, "will prevent the chaffing of one faction by the other, will satisfy all but a small radical element and will be followed by a zealous, reunited effort." The judge's advice is good and it is to be hoped that it will be generally taken.

The Tampa Herald, very quietly and without any flourish of trumpets changed hands last Saturday. This was according to the limitations of the partnership under which it was published. The name of G. G. Clough, trustee, now appears at the head of the editorial page, and it is said by the Tribune that the paper has been bought by a syndicate of county officials. The change results in the retirement from the tripod of the accomplished Col. J. D. Calhoun, a circumstance which this HERALD keenly regrets.

It would seem that Clarence B. Collins, ex-State Treasurer, who writes over the nom de plume of Tom Sawyer, tottering as he is on the verge of the grave, would wish to leave the world followed by the kindly regard of everybody. But, excepting Mr. Sheats, he has nothing but the sourest sarcasm to express for every public man of Florida, and we regret to see that some of the best newspapers are giving circulation to his ill-natured animadversions.

The Tampa Herald announces a political insurrection amongst the Democrats of Hillsborough county and that one object of the rebellion is the overthrow of Congressman Sparkman and another is the election of an anti-railroad railway commissioner to be selected from the Hillsborough democracy. This organized turbulence may divert attention from the dispensary question and play the mischief generally.

### HON. WILLIAM A. HOEKER.

The editor of THE HERALD has known Judge William A. Hoeker since 1873, when he went from Virginia to teach in the Franklin Academy of Columbus, Mississippi. In 1876, Mr. Hoeker removed to Sumter county, Florida, and the next year this writer followed him thither.

During these twenty-nine years, the relation of the two has been that of warm friends, which was but the natural result of Mr. Hoeker's lofty character. To know him well, is to become attached to him. Being a thorough scholar, a high-bred Christian gentleman and a man of unimpeachable integrity, no one who comes in close contact with him can fail to admire him. It was these characteristics that caused his people of Sumter and Lake counties to repeatedly honor him with public office. They at all times stood ready to confer upon him any honor within their gift and several times his private business has constrained him to refuse their importunities to serve them in various public capacities.

The people knew him and they knew they could trust him. Accordingly, he was repeatedly sent to the legislature and he served as State's attorney until his private interests compelled him to give up the office. For about eight years past, he was judge of the circuit which includes Alachua, Marion and Hernando counties; and he was serving in this capacity when he was made a member of the supreme court commission last year. In every position he has fulfilled the expectations of his friends and all good people. He has proved himself a man of incorruptible integrity, one who above all things has the moral courage to do right and to take the consequences.

His inflexible determination to do right though the heavens fall, may have cost him at times the friendship of good men who did not fully understand him, but they have afterwards realized the correctness of his conduct and applauded his conscientiousness.

Instances might be given in which he demonstrated alike his ability, his integrity, his moral courage and his devotion to the best interests of the people, but it would serve no good purpose now to recall the old contests in which the triumph of the people and their rights was due in large measure to the brains and bravery of William A. Hoeker.

This gentleman is now a candidate for supreme judge. Need anything more be said to prove his eminent fitness for the position?

Undoubtedly there are others equally capable and honorable, but none more so.

The people will make no mistake if they put Judge Hoeker on the supreme bench.

### NO STATE DISPENSARY.

The Gainesville Sun appears to be always correct in its views and policies. If it has been otherwise, THE HERALD has not yet discovered it.

On the dispensary question, for instance, its views are eminently wise and should be carefully considered by all who are interested in the subject. It thus announces its position in its issue of the 15th:

"The Sun is unalterably opposed to a State dispensary. It believes in local option, that is, that each county should decide for itself whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited, sold under high license, or at county dispensaries established in county commissioner districts (not more than one dispensary in each district) upon petition of the freeholder residents. If county dispensaries should be established they should be under the direct control of the local school board, and the profits should be devoted to the maintenance of schools in the commissioner district in which the dispensary is conducted."

"Besides the other objections to a State dispensary is the fact that what suits one locality does not suit another and the question should be left to the people of each county to settle for themselves."

### A GOOD PLATFORM.

As the time is near at hand for politicians to begin to build platforms on which to base their claims for office, THE HERALD begs to commend to them that of Uncle Zeke Matthews who when running for marshal of the town of Leesburg and being asked how he was running, promptly responded: "As a Democrat, an old Confederate soldier, a Free Mason and a man of honor."

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The last fair cost \$9,750, which was just covered by the receipts, amongst the latter being a State appropriation of \$2,500.

There will be no State appropriation this year, because there will be no session of the legislature to make one. Nevertheless, the association intends to double all premiums and give sufficient awards to counties to induce large exhibits and more of them.

It having been decided to have the fair, it remains for the people to do the rest; and if they will only exert themselves, they can make a splendid thing of it. The last State fair was a good thing in all respects, but, if we try, we can make the next one even better. Let every one, therefore, begin now to ponder and plan to do something to help along the enterprise and make it a grand success in every particular.

THE HERALD nominates Tampa for the location and trusts that that metropolis will immediately take steps to secure the prize.

### LIST OF JURORS.

Following is the list of jurors to serve for the Spring term of 1902 in the Circuit Court for DeSoto county:

J. L. Durrance	A. H. Carlton
John Collier	S. D. Futch
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M. S. Stevens	G. B. Gause
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W. T. Wilson	W. H. Cleveland
T. S. Knight Jr.	H. C. Poolman
M. R. W. Albritton	H. J. Durrance
B. F. Roberts	D. B. Walker
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